

USDE Approved Nebraska Teacher Shortage Areas for 2016-17

Agriculture Education

Art

Business, Marketing, and Information Technology (BMIT)

Early Childhood Education

English as a Second Language/English Language Learners

Family and Consumer Science

Health and/or Physical Education

Industrial Technology/Skilled and Technical Science

Language Arts

(Includes: English, Journalism, Language Arts, Reading & Writing, Speech, Theatre)

Mathematics

Music – Instrumental/Vocal

School Counselor

School Library

School Psychologist

Science

(Includes: Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Space Science, Physics)

Special Education – all areas

Speech-Language Pathology

World Language

The US Department of Education's approval of these shortage areas may benefit student grant and loan recipients who are qualified to teach in the academic disciplines in Nebraska.

These benefits to student financial aid recipients, such as loan cancellations, are indicated in the following regulatory provisions:

- 34 CFR 682.210(b)(5)(ii), (b)(7), (q), and (s) enable a borrower who had no outstanding Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loan on July 1, 1987, but who had an outstanding FFEL Program loan on July 1, 1993, to qualify for deferment of loan repayment under the Stafford Loan Program anytime within the life of the borrower's loan(s) for up to three years of service as a full-time teacher in a private elementary or secondary school in a teacher shortage area designated by the Department, and as certified by the chief administrative officer of the particular school in which the borrower is teaching;
- 34 CFR 674.53(c) enables Federal Perkins Loan borrowers who are full-time teachers of mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education, **or any other field of expertise where the State educational agency determined there is a shortage of qualified teachers** to qualify for cancellation of up to 100% of the outstanding balance on the borrower's Federal Perkins loans; and
- 34 CFR 686.12(d) enables grant recipients to fulfill their teaching obligation under the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program (regarding the requirement to serve at least four academic years, within eight years of graduation) by teaching in a "high-need field," which includes academic disciplines/subject areas identified as teacher shortage areas at the time the grant recipient begins teaching in that field.
- Stafford Loan and Supplemental Loans for Students (SLS) borrowers please contact the Federal Student Aid Hotline at 1-800-4FED-AID for have questions concerning these loans, including the teacher shortage area deferment. Federal Perkins Loan borrowers contact the school where they received the loan.